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Championship Bound



ennedy High Eagles are walking on air after their rousing victory in the lorth Coast Section of the Boys 2A Football Semifinals. For more on the lopy, see page 7.

Crime Wave Hits EC

By Christina Smith

EL CERRITO - Running contrary to the season's message of goodwill, El Cerrito has undergone a rash of violent crime in the last few weeks.

In the wake of the murder of an El Cerrito resident two weeks ago, an attempted rape and two unrelated stabbings occurred in the city last week.

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Dan Rogers, 21, of El Sobrante, was stabbed in a bar fight and suffered a slash in the neck at about midnight Monday in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue, according to police. The suspect is described as in his late 30s or early 40s, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds and wearing dark clothing. Rogers' condition was reported as stable. He was taken to Merrithew Memorial Hospital in Martinez.

In the attempted rape, Oakland resident Todd Kerry Grayson, 26, was arrested by police in the women's restroom of Kirby's Restaurant Nov. 27. Grayson is accused of entering the restroom and hiding in a stall, where he allegedly assaulted his victim, a woman in her late 50s who had entered to use the facilities.

As she was leaving Grayson allegedly emerged holding what appeared to be a silver gun and ordered her into a stall, where he sodomized her and attempted to rape her.

A friend came to the victim's

Grigsby Speaks

An Underground Man Goes on the Record

See back page



Two Men Critically Wounded in Shootings Outside Crowded Club Party

was shot once in the back and John Nolan Donaldson, 26, of San Francisco suffered extensive insternal injuries, but are expected to live and are recovering at an East Sar Patton, who said the shooting may have been drug related. Patton would not elaborate on his statement, but said both victims have had a history involving drugs, and a small amount of narcotics was of leads, but have not yet focused in the investigation on any particular suspect or individuals, according to Patton.

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Evans, who was bleeding, and two female companions got in their car to get help from police who were trying to eject particular supports from the race track parking lot following a patton.

Only about 250 people were exhected to attend the \$10 paid-admission-only party, Patton said.

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Angry Teachers Crowd Albany Board Meeting Agency Director Goes

By Juliana Ferraz da Rocha

are seeking a 14

tion president, said that collective bargaining guidelines had to be followed and that no discussion or settlement concerning teachers' salaries should be made in a

forming parents about their situation.

"We are very angry at you," said Don DiPasquale, representing Albany High School, invited everyone to visit the schools when the children are not there, so that they could see how much extra work teachers ty to plead for fair salaries.

"Why do you persistently force us into this confrontation? We deserve more as people," he said to enthusiastic applause from supporters.

Kay Rabin, Board of Educa-

At that point, several parents voiced their support for the work of the district's teachers. Two parents said they moved to Albany because of its schools.

Rabin said the board has genuinely tried to reach an agreement with teachers, but that the budget has been stretched as thin as it can go. She agreed to send the board's negotiating team back to the table and suggested that Gene Davis, president of the Albany Teachers Association, contact the state mediator.

"You can't hide behind the See back page

By Christine Smith

EL CERRITO -- The yearly reorganization of city officials left no one surprised when Mayor Jean Siri and Mayor Pro Tem Bob Bacon were re-elected by councilmembers at the City Council meeting Monday night.

Before the vote Mayor Siri read a "farewell" speech praising councilmembers and staff for their hard work over the past year. Councilmembers then stumbled through the procedure for nominating, closing nominations and voting and applauded when Siri and Bacon were reelected.

Later that evening, Richard Mank was named the new chairman of the Redevelopment Agency, succeeding Bob Bacon. Stephen Porter becomes the new chairman pro tem of the agency, replacing Bacon

At the council meeting, members voted to increase the salary of Redevelopment Agency Executive Director Patrick O'Keeffe to \$64,000 a year, a raise of approximately \$4,600. While reviewing pay scales for a new city managereant that O'Keeffe to that O'Keeffe holds, Fremont, Downey, Irvine and Concord have similar positions and pay their executive directors between \$35,000 and \$84,000 annually.

A joint public hearing on the proposed development of an auto-service business on San Pablo Avenue between Ohio Street and

City Plans are Backdrop for Silver Dollar Suit

If the city does buy, it will pay only what its appraiser deems the land to be worth, no matter what Pakzad says, or what he paid.

Pakzad has no beef with redevelopment, but said the lawsuit he filed Nov. 14 arose out of non-disclosure of the redevelopment plans of the site. The suit does not claim any fault by the Realtor in the case, but claims that the seller did not reveal the Redevelopment Agency's plans for the site, according to Pakzad.

He declined to comment further on the advice of his attorney, as stephen Cornet. His attorney also declined to comment until after the case is tried.

Albert J. Carter, who sold the property to Pakzad and is named in the lawritter and he will be still be the comment of the case is tried.



Police Report

Car door thief strikes

By Christina Smith

The following is a summary of crimes that occurred in El Cerrito over the past two weeks, according to police.

This is a stick-up

• A suspect entered the rear door of Trevino's restaurant Nov. 17, brandished a shotgun and ordered everyone to get on the floor. He then entered the office and stole \$7,750.

and stole \$7,750.

Cop finds junkie's junk

• After a traffic stop on a car at
Carquinez and Barrett avenues
Nov. 11 an officer searched the
suspect's car and found a hypodermic needle and syringe, a
burnt spoon, a razor blade, rolling papers, and a small bottle of
clear liquid.

Surprise Find

• When a citizen gave a false
name to an officer after a traffic

checkstand.

Car Parts

A '76 Chevy parked at a Fairmount Avenue parking lot lost its left side front door after someone unscrewed the bolts and made off with it Nov. 12.

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No deposit, no return
On Nov. 16 a woman at Cap-

wells removed bedding from a kerny Street Nov. 21, the officer searched the car and found a .25 automatic Berreta, two rounds of ammunition and a set of brass knuckles.

Check that pocketbook

While a woman was busy with her groceries at the Safeway on San Pablo Nov. 9 someone filched the wallet she had set on the checkstand.

Car Parts

A '76 Chevy parked at a Fairmount Avenue parking lot

Stolen vehicles

No holiday crime let-up

By Bobby Calvan

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The following is a summary of incidents of crime in Albany, according to police reports.

Collector has license to steal

A thief is stealing out-of-state license plates from parked vehicles, according to police, with five plates reported stolen within the last week from cars parked in the west end of the city.

The apparent license plate collector most recently stole a Guam plate (license number ADR419) on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue Nov. 28. Arizona plates were stolen on the 1000 block of Washington Avenue Nov. 22; Wisconson plates (Jx2697) were removed from a University Village car Nov. 21; a Maryland car was stripped of its plates (VBX774) on the 800 block of Washington Avenue Nov. 20; and a car registered in British Columbia, Canada, also lost its plates (RHE189) becuase of theft Nov. 20.

Where's my truck?

pickup reported stolen from the 700 block of Madison Street.

Recovered vehicles

Oakland Police recovered a 1980 Datsun 210 Nov. 27, which was recently reported stolen from Albany. Car was reported stolen from Albany. Car was reported stolen from Albany. Oakland Police recovered a Datsun 200 SX Nov. 19, which was reported stolen from Albany. No damage was done to the vehicle, according to police.

San Franisco Police recovered a 1979 Mazda RX7 Nov. 17, which was reported stolen from Albany. The car was badly damaged and not in driving condition, according to the police report.

Broken aloes even where.

- report.

 Broken glass everywhere
 Car window smashed in on 1300 block of Portland Avenue
 Nov. 28.
 Car window smashed in while vehicle was parked at Golden
 Gate Fields valet parking lot Nov.
 26. Five dollars in coins and currency taken.
- Where's my truck?

 Stolen: Red Toyota SR5 vehicle was parked at Golden

- and an undetermined amount of cash reported stolen.

 More thefts (yawn)

 A Peralta Street house was burglarized Nov. 26, with a television, 35 mm camera and \$40 in cash reportedly taken from the 1000 block house. The victims estimated their loss at around \$990. Police said they have fingerprints left by the burglars.

 A stereo/cassette. player was stolen from a car parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street Nov. 24.
- A stereo/cassette reportedly valued at \$900 was stolen from a vehicle parked on the 800 block of San Carlos Avenue Nov. 24.

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It's harder yet to believe that you don't know literacy from illiteracy or just don't give a damn.

(P.S.) Please note that the stab-bing story with its "awoken" was written by your Managing Editor.

Editor's Note: The story mentioned by Mr.

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Tire thief strikes and returns

By Mandy Erickson

The following is a list of incidents occuring in Kensington over the past two weeks according to police reports:

Fast Get-Away

• An officer tried to flag down a car Nov. 24 when its driver failed to dim the headlights, but the car did not stop. Albany Police Department pursued the vehicle and later found it abandoned.

Suspicious Men Cleared

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Suspicious Men Cleared

An Arlington Avenue woman reported Nov. 17 that a man was loitering outside her home. Police checked him out and determined he had no ill intentions.

A man was found walking back and forth across the backyard of a Garden Drive house Nov. 21. He was a neighbor's boyfriend who was lost.

Car Pranks

Someone took the left front tire off a Kensington man's car during the Nov. 20 weekend and

returned it the morning of Nov.

- 21.

 An officer found a vehicle covered with toilet paper and a "liquid substance" Nov. 19. The owner was informed.

 An Ocean View woman reported Nov. 27 that her neighbor had ripped the radio antenna from her car. The neighbor was taken to Martinez jail.
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 A Beloit Avenue man reported Nov. 24 that his "brand new" car had been scratched on the hood.

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 Attempted Car Theft

 A Highland Boulevard man called Nov. 26 to report a man trying to steal his car from in front of his house. The suspect was gone when police arrived.

 Alleged Drunk Driving

 An El Cerrito man was arrested Nov. 19 at Kenilworth Drive and Arlington Avenue for driving under the influence.

 A Kensingtonian reported Nov. 16 that two drunk men were trying to get into a car on Arlington Avenue.

And More Car Trouble

A woman flagged down a police officer Nov. 26 to hand over a license plate she found at Yale and Princeton.

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Community Folk

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By Clara-Rae Genser

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originally got the idea program while traveling husband, Warren, on sponsored by the a Historical Society, coakland Museum had ton national parks, the

to fruition.

nails from Pennsylvania,

to California to do her

work at the University

rnia at Berkeley. There

and married Warren, a

y Guild and has edited inewspaper. the travel with the Historical Society that er, "They used to have trips," she says. dd her husband also with the Golden Gate ical Society. In addi-

tion, because both Warren and Helen are interested in railroads, they have taken many trips by

they have taken many trips by train.

As a result of all of this, Helen has quite a file on places to go. While on the road, she has collected artifacts of local history and put them, too, into her file. So when the History Guild travel program began she had a good basis to build upon for both short jaunts and lengthy tours.

Warren has helped his wife with the program from the beginning, An attorney, he recently retired and is now able to co-host tours and help explain the background of the places they see.

background of the places they see.

Often accompanied by her husband, Tryon scouts the travel route beforehand, researching historical facts and finding the best places to see along the way. She samples restaurants and hotels, and finally presents the group with a well rounded, well researched, absolutely fascinating trip, whether it be for one day or several. Even the bus company and driver for the trip are carefully selected.

Day trips to unusual museums, shops, nature areas and scenic beauties are offered, as are longer trips such as the 11-day journey recently offered to Santa Fe and See page 8

Graffiti Wars Reclaiming **Solano Tunnel**

By Daniel S. Levine
BERKELEY -- Less than a
month after the City of
Berkeley reopened the Solano
Tunnel and unveiled its clean,
resurfaced walls, graffiti lines

Tunnel and unveiled its clean, resurfaced walls, graffiti lines the interior.

A \$44,000 application of Ultrashield, a pigmented polyurathane coating, was painted on the tunnel's walls to facilitate the removal of graffiti, but the mint green surface provided a fresh canvass for anyone with a can of spray paint to boast of sexual exploits, make declarations of love, or leave cryptic messages in a shot at immortality.

"They're scribbling all over it," said Mildred Easterbrook as she wheeled a cart of groceries to her car near the tunnel. "I think it is a disgrace." A Berkeley resident for 48 years, Easterbrook is happy the city is trying to do something about the problem, but is skeptical about their ability to combat it.

"If you clean it," she said, "all it does is give them a clean blackboard." Jack Adams, also a long-time resident of the city, added, "It's a lost cause."

Everyone, from the staff of the mayor's office to those in



Weeks after a massive clean-up effort, the tools of a graffiti artist's trade litter the Solano Tunnel along with his work.

the public works department, was upset to learn that graffiti already lined the tunnel. But no one seemed to know about it until asked what the city's cleaning plans were.

"I guess it would get to me sooner or later," said Ed Alcorn, Berkeley's superintendent of public works. Alcorn was not only unaware of the new graffiti, but was unfamiliar with the polyurathane coating used and said he will have to sit down with city engineers to determine what cleaning will entail and how often it should be done.

This is the first time the city has ever used any substance

like Ultrashield, and officials

like Ultrashield, and officials have yet to set a maintenance schedule. Alcorn did promise he would make an on-site inspection.

Students outside of Albany High School report that the tunnel is a battlefield in a war waged with spray paint between two rival groups known as the White Student Union and Bust-A-Nut. Even though Senior Luther Flemming has friends who mark the walls, he does not like it.

"It makes the youth of the town look bad," said Flemming. "First people would do it because everyone else did, now they're doing it because it's

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Dear Lynda:
As a health professional what have you found to be the most important things to remember in order to have a good holiday season? In other words, what one or two ideas or coping

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Dear Dora:

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Dear Dora:

Do you mind if I answer your question with an account of my recent shopping trip in San Francisco? I needed a dress for my upcoming 20-year (eek!) high school

coming 20-year (cek!) high school reunion.

In "The City" I was immediately overwhelmed by Union Square. I was directed up Bush to Stockton and left to Macy's. I was whisked into I. Magnin's where it looked like Christmas Eve. Decoration, merchandise and people seemed endless. There were mirrors everywhere bringing

on all sorts of illusions (for me, anyway).

I managed to find the elevators and went on to various dress departments and to the \$200 price tags.

I decided to skip Macy's and followed a woman with quick feet to Ross. There were plenty of mirrors in this place, too, but I could cope.

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Newsmaker's Dossier

Manager and his boys recall baseball history





aseball used to be more than hotdogs, apple pie and million dollar contracts. In the old days, players took showers under cans with holes punched in them and spectators watched the games from their cars in the outfield. But that was back in the 1930s, when diversions such as television did not exist and semi-professional baseball was a big as a chance the scouts would see you."

professional baseball was a big social event.

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Manager Del Wisenor began reminiscing about those good old days last week when he stumbled upon an old photo and a dented trophy from 1932 — the year his baseball team won the semi-pro Oakland League AA of the manafiliated with a big

discovered, including 10ml
Hafey.
But Hafey had an advantage.
His cousin Chick played in the
National League and that helped
him gain recognition. After
Chapel of the Oaks, Hafey played
for professional teams across the
country until his retirement in
1949

1949.
Wisenor said the highlight of his managing career was "the thrill of having a couple of (his) boys go into the big league." But, he added, not all of his players were so serious.
"Sometimes I had to go put one of the boys under the shower and give them a Bloody Mary to

help straighten them out for the game," Wisenor said. It was all part of being a manager, he added with a laugh.

Wisenor did not begin his career in baseball as a manager. "They tried me in the outfield and told me to quit before I got killed," he said. "I was never in the same category as the men I coached."

"The manager was the guy who could get a bunch of players together and find a sponsor," Hafey said. Wisenor was that guy.

Locating a sponsor was a challenge and the Chapel of the Oaks team went through a series of names during its day. Wisenor and Hafey remembered names such as Orange Crush, Shattuck Mercantile, Rola Radio and Central Bank. But it was Chapel of the Oaks that won the title in

Farewell fast food — budget dining has style at Christopher's

hristopher's Nothing Fancy Cafe seems somewhat out of place along San Pablo Avenue. The decor is too tasteful and the food too good for the East Bay'. 'oulevard of fast-food dining. Yet the six-month-old cafe still flis the take-out mode. The food is as cheap as it is tasty and fast as it is trendy.

The Albany cafe features mostly nouvelle-type Mexican fare — Mexican with a California cuisine emphasis. Everything is a la carte, and the most expensive item is 33.95.

'Nothing Fancy' for this cafe means that patrons serve themselves. You stand at a long black counter and order food from a chalkboard. The menu includes mostly Mexican foods — burritos, quesadillas, grilled Yucatan sausages as well as soups, salads and those old fastfood favorites, hamburgers and fries.

Below, left, the decor at Christopher's Nothing Fancy Cafe belies its name, with trendy Southwestern-style tiles and cacti. Right, staff member Ken Huey, left, and owner Christopher Cheung relax below a tile mural designed by Cheung.



Sauvignon Blanc, from Napa Valley. You can also choose from the latest in beer: Corona or Sierra Nevada on tap. Cafe latte, cappucino and espresso as well as Calistoga are offered.

Owner Christopher Cheung designed the Southwest-style interior of the restaurant. A few bowls of dried chiles and garlic accent the sand-colored walls. Cheung even designed the tile murals below the order counter and on the wall above. He said he imported a Southern Californian to install the desert scene because he was impressed with the man's work on a restaurant in Los Angeles.

Outside, next to the parking lot, is a small patio with a tiled fountain, where you can eat on warm days.

Cheung, 33, worked at Giovanni's in Berkeley while he was earning a business degree at

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How to nab that employee gone bad

whether your business deals in products or services, and whether you have one employee or many, you should be aware of the signs of employee fraud and

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person;
Too close a relationship between your staff and specific staff members of your

It is wise, however, to have a system that makes fraud less likely.

Class Notes







nedy High student Chris Saindon's impersonation of the assasinated president was the climax he school's celebration in John F. Kennedy's honor. Saindon gave a faithful imitation of both Bostonian accent and the forceful gestures of the former president.

JFK honored by namesake high school

By Kazue Nakahara

EL CERRITO -- Students at Kennedy High School in Richmond are too young to remember the president their school was named for. But on Nov. 22, the 25th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination, students joined teachers and administrators in "A Tribute to the Man, JFK."

School staff wore black armbands and students pinned on themselves a quote from Kennedy's inaugural speech: "Ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

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Kennedy Scene By Susan Hodges

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By Susan Hodges

Disturbing news traveled across the Kennedy campus Nov. 11 when it was learned that sophomore Padao Cha, on her way home from a friend's house, was hit by a car while crossing a

In critical condition at John Muir Hospital in Concord, she went into a coma following brain surgery and hasn't come out of it

yet.
Padao is 15, the oldest child in her family. She came to the district in 1982 from Laos. She is enrolled in the English as a second language program.
Padao's family isn't well off and is going to have a hard time

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paying for all the medical bills. JFK students are showing their togetherness and warmheartedness by helping Padao's family out.

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Students are also going into the community for help.

If you would like to help, send your donations to JFK High School, care of the Padao Cha Fund, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond 94804.

Schools Calendar

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2 (Tuesday).

The phone number for the Richmond Unified School District is 234-3825.

Castro Elementary.

Dec. 1: PTA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2: Picture make ups

Dec. 3: P6: Canned Food Drive and PTA Clothing. Room. Socks. and Underwear Prive.

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2: El Cerrito High Schoo! Chorus

3: Annual Pancake Breakfast, 8-11

.m., cafeteria

Dec. 6: Site Council Meeting, 8 a.m.

Dec. 8: PTA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 7: Young Audience Program, 8:40 a.m. and 9:50 a.m., Multipurpose Room

Dec. 7: Drama class pos-ensington Elementary Dec. 10: Pancake Breakfast with door rizes, 8-11 a.m., cafeteria Call the school at 235-5464 Portola Junior High Call the school at 524-0405. El Cerrito High Visual/Performing Arts/Humanities

Dec. 1: Fall Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m., ittle Theater, \$3 admission
Dec. 2: Friday Night Live Assembly
Dec. 3: SAT Test
Dec. 6: Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. to 3 m., gym

Dec. 7: Junior/Senior Potluck, 6 p.m. cafeteria
Dec. 8: Orchestra and Choir Concert 7:30 p.m., Little Theatre, 53 admission
Dec. 9: Snowball Dance
Call the school at 525-0234.

Dec. 3: SAT Test
Call the school at 235-2291.

Dec. 4: Pancake Break Christmas Boutique, 8:30 an noon, auditorium Dec. 7: 2 p.m. dismissi

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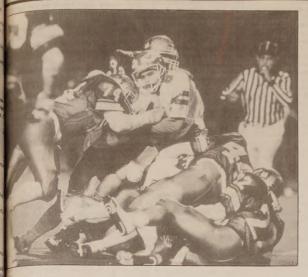
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Eagles revive
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This time it was McDaniel who got the score from 38 yards out, making it a 14-12 game.
Then came another big play. Mike Russell of Concord nailed Harvey about a foot from the goal line, holding off the two-point conversion and giving the Minutemen the ball with a 14-12 lead.

Minutemen the ball with a 14-12 lead.

Concord then committed suicide with a turnover. A fumble was recovered by Toriano Sanderson of Kennedy at the Concord 43. After that it was lights out for the Minutemen.

McDaniel went 23 yards for a touchdown that made it 18-14. Harvey then passed to James Moore who made a fine over-the-shoulder catch in the back of the end zone, giving JFK the two-point conversion and bringing the game to a 20-14 contest.

The teams then exchanged punts. Concord had the ball at the Kennedy 19 late in the third quarter, threatening to take the lead. It was fourth and four at the 19 when Coach Autentico decided to call a time out to shout out a play. He must have shouted the wrong play because JFK held when Omania fell short of the first down. He tried to run the ball to the JFK 15. A pass might have been the better play in that situation.

That gave JFK the ball and the

Again the Minutemen offense was non-existent. On a third-and-eight at their own 43, Barr missed his receiver, Jason Brown. Concord punted and put JFK back at its own 5-yard line. The team could only move 4 yards over the next three plays.

That forced Eagle coach Steve Alameda to make a decision. Should he risk a punt which could give Concord outstanding field position or, even worse, have it blocked? Or should he take the safety? He did the latter and it worked! Maceo Grant went down into the end zone for the safety, making it a 20-16 score.

The big finish

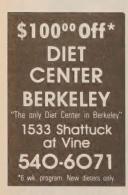
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The big finish

Concord then took over at the 50-yard line. The Minitutemen marched to the 28, facing a fourth down and two. The team picked up the first down when, with just over two minutes left in the game, Barr hit Mike April with a pass to the 15-yard line.

So this was the scenario: Should Concord get 15 more yards, the Minutemen would be in the championships. If the Eagles could hold and not allow a touchdown, they would play in the Coliseum Dec. 10 instead.

On the first down, Barr threw a pass he may regret for the rest of his life. On the other hand, Maceo Grant will cherish the





play. A Concord receiver was open in the end zone when, flying out of nowhere, Grant made a leaping interception that saved the day for his team.

Kennedy then ran out the clock, thanks to Autentico having used all of his times out. The game could not have been better. There were few mistakes and penalties for both teams.

In the end, JFK capitalized on Concord's weaknesses and eked out a sweet victory.

So the dream season for JFK continues. The Eagles have one more game to win before they can be called the NCS 2A champs. Standing in their way is Healdsburg, a 29-15 winner over Fortuna in the other semifinal last Saturday night.

The final game will be played Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Coliseum.

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By Michael S. Hol

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The organization, with its yearly proceeds from this sale, funds a variety of programs in the Bay Area. Their main contribution is to their program that provides orthodontia for needy children. This year they have 13 youngsters in the program and are providing these young people with new smiles on the outside as well as inside.

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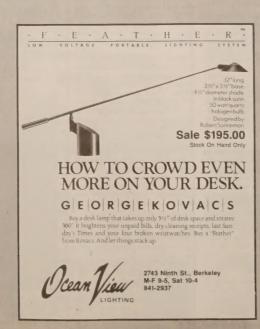
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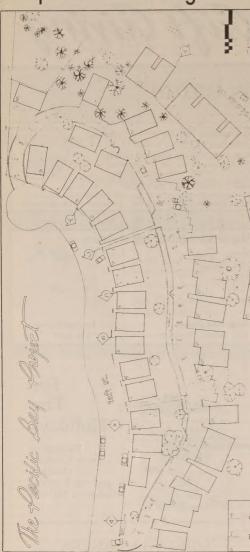
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Albany Hill project draws complaints from neighbors



The Pacific Bay Project, as envisioned above, would create a new one-way street on Albany Hill to access 50 new homes. The shaded area at right shows the block affected.



By Chris Treadway

ALBANY -- Albany Hill residents came out in force Nov. 22 to voice a long list of concerns about a 50-unit housing project proposed for a four-acre parcel on the hill.

Backed by a petition of 89 signatures from their neighbors, hill residents told the Planning and Zoning Commission they were worried about noise and dust that would be generated by construction at the site; the possible loss of trees, plants and wildlife when it is completed; and possible long-term geological impacts to the hill.

A portion of the meeting had been set aside for public testimony on what should be included in a new Environmental Impact Report for the project. But speakers first had to sit through a lengthy agenda of applications for home additions and remodelings, causing some speakers to leave before the testimony was heard.

The proposed housing project, the subject of a preliminary review during the commission's Nov. 9 session, would include townhouses and approximately 15 single units on four acres between the northern portions of Jackson and Taft streets.

Because of the extreme slope of the site, units would be up to four-stories from bottom to top.

Bay Pacific Investments, the developer that has an option for the parcel, also proposes a new one-way street running parallel to Taft and Jackson, cutting through the center of the site.

The request for EIR testimony drew several speakers interested in preserving the natural state of Albany Hill.

Madison Street resident John Jacobs called that part of the hill "a small oasis in an urbanized area," and said special consideration should be given to the natural wildlife habitat it currently provides.

provides.
Paul Strid, of Jackson Street, said the EIR should stress that the

hill is home to red-tailed hawks, horned owls and other wildlife as well as the existing plant life and trees. He said "the massive reshaping of the hill" for the pro-posed new street should require that a new geological study be done in the EIR.

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Strid and others noted that the hill has had mudslides in the recent past, and he wanted studies done to see if any construction would hasten that condition.

Most speakers mentioned the increased parking and traffic congestion the project would create. Several also wanted to know what the impact of increased enrollment in Albany schools would be.

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One Jackson Street resident expressed concern about what possible blasting for the site would do to foundations of existing houses. Another Jackson Street resident questioned the aesthetics of the proposal's design, saying its density, height and lack of trees makes it "sound like something you'd see in Daly City.

Speakers were assured that there will be many more opportunities for public input on the proposal before any decision is made.

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The project, which still must go through some preliminary procedures before preperations for the Draft Environmental Impact Report are made, is not expected to come back before the commission until early next year at the soonest, said Planning Director Claudia Cappio.

The site, the largest of three parcels on the hill that remain largely undeveloped, was the object of an unsuccessful 1978 development proposal.

The developer came back in 1979 with a 47-unit plan that was approved after going through the EIR process. Skyrocketing interest rates prevented the construction of the project, and that permit expired in 1984.

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Silver...

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He said the lawsuit asks for \$200,000 in punitive damages on charges of fraud and deceit in the sale of the property.

Carter said he was unable to recall whether he informed Pakzad of any redevelopment plans for the site, further claiming that he did not know of any definite plans to build an apartment complex at the site until two weeks ago.

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He blames the city for the lawsuit, charging that the city failed to inform him and other commercial property owners affected by the proposed apartment complex. Pat O'Keeffe, the city's Redevelopment Agency director, could not be reached for comment.

Cater said the Realtor who

could not be reached for comment.

Carter said the Realtor who represented him in the \$650,000 sale of the property to Pakzad probably informed the buyer of any city plans for the property. The Realtor could not be contacted.

Carter said he met with Pakzad only once during the two weeks it took the property to be sold in July. The main topic of their meeting, Carter said, was to discuss "future treatment of our present tenants."

"I resent the lawsuit, but I can understand why," Carter said.
"There are no ill feelings, but

RUSD plays Grigsby... down land

sale plans

By Mandy Erickson

KENSINGTON -- Although the Richmond Unified School District would not give definite assurance it would not sell the Jefferson School site, residents did learn they will have ample time to prepare for any eventual sale.

Rensington organizations met with RUSD Superintendent Walter Marks and school board President Don Lau Nov. 28 to discuss the future of the site owned by the RUSD.

Many Kensingtonians have been concerned that the two acres of land above Arlington Avenue will be sold to developers to help bail the district out of its \$4 million debt. About 20 residents filled the meeting room at the Youth Hut adjacent to the Jefferson site to hear the latest news about the land they now use as a park area.

The site contains the Jefferson school building — no longer in use — two tennis courts and two playgrounds. The rest of the area is open space with trees, paths and picnic tables.

When Marks said the RUSD was in no rush to sell the land, many of the residents present sighed and sat back in their chairs.

"I personally do not see us moving this property with great haste at all," Marks said, gesturing up the hill toward the site.
"I have enjoyed tremendous participation with Kensington parents," he said. "I personally hope that I don't do anything to jeopardize that."

Marks and Lau said the district has stopped work on the site because researching the titles and possible uses of the land is too expensive for the present year. The sonoest the RUSD would consider how to use the land would be next school year, they said.

Marks later hinted that selling the land would not benefit the RUSD. The district is growing quickly, he said, and any extra school buildings will become precious property in a few years.

Marks said zoning laws would require the RUSD to sell the land as opposed to entering a joint venture. In a joint venture, the RUSD would join a developer who would build on the land and the two would split the profits. Under state law, the school can only use money from sale as capital and not for operating costs.

But Marks and Lau held off from assuring residents that the land would never be sold. Lau even suggested to the Kensington Community Service District that it start researching ways the district could purchase the land. KCSD boardmembers said after the meeting that they thought looking into ways of buying the land for Kensington park use was premature.

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If the RUSD decides to sell the land, it faces more obstacles than worried Kensington residents. By law, the RUSD must first offer the land to Kensington before it can offer it to developers. And under the Naylor Act, 30 percent of the land must be sold to Kensington for 25 percent of its value.

he roams most days, looking for food and

he roams most days, looking for food and handouts.

Apparently over his jitters on Monday, Grigsby said he was unaware that his attorney, Oliver Jones of Oakland, has filed a \$1 million claim on his behalf, but added, "That would be nice."

Jones rejects as invalid an earlier settlement of \$10,000, given to Grigsby by the Contra Costa Municipal Risk Management Authority two days after the beating report was made.

The settlement was an effort to "coerce" and "intimidate" Grigsby, by taking advantage of an emotionally disturbed man, according to Jones.

The controversy began when Grigsby reported on Aug. 3 that he was kidnapped by an El Cerrito police officer, beaten with a metal flashlight, handcuffed, driven to Point Isabel in Richmond and forced to walk into San Francisco Bay.

Aside from the settlement, the reported beating resulted in one misdemeanor and three felony charges against former El Cerrito officer Scott Schasker and sharp criticism from the NAACP and Richmond Councilman Jim McMillan.

Grigsby, who said he was unaware that he has been in the newspapers at all, added, "It's nice to know that people are concerned."

Wearing no coat, just the same ragged sweater

he was seen in three months ago, Grigor scrapes by doing casual labor, construe and yard work he gets through the unem office.

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An offer of hot food was turned and offer of hot food was turned and the set of the first requested a half pint a "It's been cold out and I need some warm me," he said.

But he settled for bologna, crackers a "That'll go a lot further," he explained.

Grigsby denied outright the report officer that he was put up by local motel after being found asleep i "Nobody ever messes with me when the Cadillac," said Grigsby.

The used Cadillac was bought with his ment the same day he received the \$10,00 is now in the care of his nephew, said offi explained, "I don't have a lot of money. Grigsby, who said he is living at the Motel, said he is concerned about losing "I'm not exactly paid up," he said. If he wins the \$1 million claim, said of will take the chance to make a new starting a permanent home for himself and "I'll probably buy a house. My mothe in an apartment."

Teachers...

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mediator," said one parent. "We elected you to represent us. We want teachers to get better paid."
"You are abusing the mediator," agreed Charlie Clark, a teacher in Albany for 37 years.
"This board of education is out of touch with education and with the community.
"It didn't even pass a resolution supporting Proposition 98," he said, prompting jeers of "Shame, shame...," from some audience members.

dience members.
Although other school districts

did endorse Prop. 98, the Albany board elected not to on the advice of the California School Board Association, district Superintendent Dale Hudson said in a later interview.

Hudson said the proposition lacked specifics on funding and accountability, and that the state legislature-will need until summer or fall to provide a workable version.

"We don't know what it means," he said. "There's nothing precise for school boards to count on in terms of financial

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Salvation Army bell ringer Edgar Baker lowers the bucket for two young shopperstands. Cerrito Plaza. Donations overflowed within an hour for Baker, who started his well day after Thanksgiving.

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Community Arts

Paint and paper make a splash at local group's watercolor show

By Barbara Hulley

What do you think of when someone mentions watercolor painting? Perhaps you see a delicate, bright overlay of paint lightly dabbed on a piece of rough paper. You might imagine scenes from nature: a thick bunch of flowers sprayed in a thin, transluscent layer across the page.

All of these images of watercolor, and more, can be enjoyed at the "Watercolor California," 88" exhibition at Jack London Village in Oakland until Dec. 4. The showing features the watercolors of ten local artists, several of them from El Cerrito. Their styles are remarkably different; at times it's difficult to believe each artist shares the same medium. Paintings cover a broad

from floating, impressionistic blurs of the thin paint to complex, detailed work.

The group, an informal clustering of artists who have shown at this same hall each year for the last four years, includes some of the foremost watercolor painters in the country, according to Henry Hardy, an artist and member of the group.

"Several of the artists belong to the American Watercolor Society, which is a very important group," he says. "This show is good, because it shows local artists as a group for the benefit of the whole area. Many of these paintings are of national quality."

Hardy claims that there is no connection between the artists other than the fact that "we all like each other and like to work together." In fact, there are many common threads runnning throughout the works. Each one, no matter how varied in technique, reflects a love of nature, of color, and, most importantly, a love of watercolor.

The works in the show, from the detail and bold, bright colors of Clarice Roberts' "Camarque Carousel" to the muted snow-overed mountain of Mary Toman's "Reflections of Donner," are united by their commitment to experimenting with a wide variety of watercolor use.

Each painting pushes the limitations of the medium; the paintings easily shift from blurring effects to surprisingly sharp detail.

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Some pieces, such as Mary Fallin's "Dogs's Eye View," combine both techniques. The painting features a sharply detailed yellow fire hydrant surrounded by a wave of loose bursts of orange poppies. It is an inspired combination.

Henry Doane's "Goldhill Phantom" also combines these effects, with startling results. Tiny yellow and peach buildings, painted in delicate detail, are shrouded in a greenish fog. The mysterious fog undermines the

Inny yellow and peach buildings, painted in delicate detail, are shrouded in a greenish fog. The mysterious of the buildings; it lightly surrounds and pervades all aspects of the small town. This is one of the most impressionistic, and effective, pieces in the show. The artists in the group expand their techniques through each other, according to Hardy. "They've gotten better through knowing each other. They analyze what each other has done. This is how they improve themselves, and the watercolor medium. It's not a formal club; but when we get together, we help each other." This unity is evident, and not only in the varied approach to the medium. Many of the paintings have a New Mexican flavor to them, and Hardy reveals that several in the group took a trip there together this year. Hardy thimself, though 87 years old and "the oldest in the group," jaunts each week to some local spot on an excursion he calls a "Friday Special" with group artists Hank Doane and Kenneth Siqueira. "We go to local areas, and try to select things in California that are here today, gone tomorrow. We've gone to the Mother Lode; the atmosphere is vastly disappearing there," he says. "A lot of watercolor can be done on location, which gives it a spontaneity that you can't get any other way."

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panning captures the moment of a young boy feeding the pigeons in all of its bright innocence. The mediocre work is more than overbalanced by the good. Many individual paintings leap out in startling, vivid spontaneity. These are unique works that deserve attention.

One major flaw of the exhibition is the lighting. According to Hardy, "The space to show is very limited in this area. We picked this space because the Port of Oakland allowed us to use it. But look at the lighting," he says with a sigh. "When it gets to be four o'clock, you can't see many of the paintings."

To avoid this problem, it's ideal to see the exhibit early in the day. Then you can clearly enjoy paintings such as Hardy's "Pump House," a realistic rendering of a part of an old estate which burned down, and Jack Anderson's "Valle di San Martino Italy," with its clustering of detailed houses given a simplistic quality by white dabs of paint.

The show reflects the fact that "painting in the Bay Area has expanded enormously in the last five years," according to Hardy. "There are more people, and more are taking it seriously. It's growing like topseed... this group has become very meaningful, this group and the quality of the material."



Left, "Rabbit Run" by Charlotte Britton is an example of the variety of techniques employed in the show to make watercolor sunlight brightens the too-dim interior.



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